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### RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 1999, please enter the following amendments. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (twice amended) DNA encoding a Tumor Antigen Derived Gene-14 (TADG-14) protein, wherein said protein has [shares at least 95% sequence identity with] the amino acid sequence shown